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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of May, 1949.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 30/6/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December 1948 was estimated to be 522,330, comprising 268,384 Males and 253,946 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No.	433	573	1,772	2,017
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.99	13.65	10.27	11.95
Births.....No.	971	1,185	4,275	4,274
*Rate per 1000 of Population	22.41	28.24	24.77	25.31
Deaths.....No.	318	399	1,413	1,430
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.34	9.51	8.19	8.47
Infant Mortality.....No.	30	31	123	116
Rate per 1000 Live Births	30.90	26.16	28.77	27.13
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	8	14	44	52
Cancer	55	64	197	211
Influenza	2	-	5	-
Diphtheria	-	-	2	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	33	40	140	139
Arteriosclerosis	8	10	57	40
Diseases of the Heart	94	111	401	383
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	21	22	66	83
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	6	2	21	7
Nephritis	8	19	35	54
Diseases of Early Infancy	20	18	72	69
Senility	6	4	31	18
Accidents	10	28	91	99
All Other Causes	47	67	251	272
TOTAL	318	399	1,413	1,430

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May totalled 257,052 acres, a decrease of 44,281 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 888,048 acres, an increase of 267,283 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,861,529	1,597,913	18,311,858	15,064,092
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3.10. 5d.	£3. 2. 3d.	£35. 1. 1d.	£29.12.10d.
Expenditure	1,827,890	1,626,001	18,960,435	16,197,266
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3. 9. 2d.	£3. 3. 4d.	£36. 5.11d.	£31.17. 5d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st May amounted to £36,929,087 or £69.14.10d. per head of population as against £35,657,272 or £69.7.6d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th May, 1949 amounted to £5,921,180 compared with £4,912,365 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers No.	1,776	1,430	17,599	15,780
£	1,263,967	790,719	10,271,108	8,547,800
Mortgages No.	972	843	9,513	9,623
£	1,074,556	905,918	9,436,936	9,283,180
Discharges of Mortgages No.	1,023	846	9,146	9,490

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
1948 -				
January	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
February	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
March	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
April	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
May	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
June	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
July	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
August	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
September				
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November				
December				
1949 -				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500
February	1,489,294	1,079,247	3,713,023	157,545
March	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815
April	1,530,797	835,888	3,532,224	170,391
May	1,531,002	996,629	4,517,890	184,882

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

107 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,383,500 and 44 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 103 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,943,500 and 45 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	11 Months ended MAY					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	18	17,982	3,798	14	27,237	4,710
Deeds of Assignment(a)	10	50,255	43,047	9	15,127	11,106
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

		APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earnings (a)	£	421,900	400,900	4,343,900	3,877,400
Working Expenses (a)	£	545,127	508,069	5,538,148	4,544,689
Train Miles Run	No.	568,284	605,746	5,879,672	6,069,686
Passenger Journeys (a)	No.	984,044	1,064,155	10,742,906	11,567,347
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		205,239	254,618	2,139,198	2,244,570
Livestock		9,099	10,332	144,420	139,053
Departmental (Free Freight)		56,489	43,600	488,583	468,126
Total		270,827	308,550	2,772,201	2,851,749
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		29,681,912	37,297,740	310,677,065	329,004,557
Livestock		1,116,324	1,149,022	18,025,607	16,759,857
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,417,874	5,854,599	74,591,929	73,789,965
Total		39,216,110	44,301,361	403,294,601	419,554,379

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
1949 -								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	95	10	107	348	265	18	190

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1947 -								
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
January	23,572	11,087	332	6,098	37,483	35,130	570	9,629
February	23,672	11,103	335	6,213	38,241	36,351	594	9,938
March	23,809	11,147	337	6,277	38,940	37,239	598	10,191
April	23,830	11,169	343	6,315	38,968	37,026	610	10,365

*Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for April, 1949 - 128 Cars; 557 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, April, 1949 and 1948, and 10 Months ending April, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL		APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Overseas	£A,000 1,833	£A,000 1,760	£A,000 17,691	£A,000 14,173	£A,000 4,909	£A,000 5,977	£A,000 43,306	£A,000 41,095
Interstate	2,409	2,361	25,324	21,315	464	466	3,864	4,825
TOTAL	4,242	4,121	43,015	35,488	5,373	6,443	47,170	45,920

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BUILDING ACTIVITY

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1st Qr.	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
1st Qr.	194	149	523	705	13	32	73	178	803	1,064

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1948 - 1st Qr.	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
1949 - 1st Qr.	297	447	59	48	354	352	6	5	716	852

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

277,230 lbs. were produced during April, 1949 and 13,977,254 lbs. for the ten months ended April, 1949, as against 309,706 lbs. and 14,131,061 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	MAY		5 Months ended MAY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	48,247	49,602	247,394	245,400
Value (Aust. Currency) £	519,261	533,840	2,662,577	2,641,236

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ended May, 1949 amounted to £120,396. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £287,464.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	MAY		5 Months ended MAY		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1452	1214	1384	1200	1338	1221	1294	1182
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1596	1351	1528	1342	1441	1331	1395	1288
Northam	1474	1235	1407	1219	1347	1227	1302	1191
Bunbury	1463	1221	1396	1205	1355	1232	1307	1194
Geraldton	1491	1246	1422	1228	1411	1280	1360	1242
Collie	1476	1231	1406	1214	1288	1170	1246	1137

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684
September	109,416	37,224	146,640
October	110,240	37,592	147,832
November	111,010	37,704	148,714
December	111,491	38,015	149,506
<u>1949 -</u>			
January	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	112,063	37,770	149,833
April	112,671	37,887	150,558

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177		891	1069	1151	1277	
June	145	154	167	177		903	1087	1153	1277	
July	146	157	167	177(a)		899	1096	1168	1301	
August	145	159	167	176		897	1109	1181	1294	
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1947 -									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	410	13	423	373	15	388	781	15	796
August	351	9	360	538	9	547	594	15	609
September	179	5	184	279	5	284	494	15	509
October	183	7	190	235	5	240	442	17	459
November	177	11	188	261	11	272	358	17	375
December	181	7	188	124	9	133	415	15	430
1948 -									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
1949 -									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	63	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,284	18,460	201,464	204,298
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,442	15,836	171,161	174,504

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
May, 1949	10,686	422	45,229	9,710
May, 1948	11,775	333	37,680	9,837
5 Months ended May, 1949	35,512	1,796	306,620	47,829
5 Months ended May, 1948	33,234	1,193	257,312	48,429

